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## U.S. Urged to Avoid Soviet Test in Zaire

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WASHINGTON—The Congressional Black Caucus urged Tuesday that the United States avoid turning the situation in Zaire into a test of strength and influence with the Soviet Union.

Rep. Parren J. Mitchell (D-Md.), caucus chairman, said Soviet or Cuban involvement in Zaire or any other African nation "is an internal matter for the various African States to resolve."

The caucus, composed of the 16 black members of the House, held a news conference after a private discussion of the African situation.

Mitchell said the group expected to meet with President Carter to discuss U.S. African policy, including the use of American aircraft to move peace-keeping forces into Zaire.

The caucus opposes the use of any U.S. forces in Africa.

Mitchell said among those he expects to attend the meeting is Carter's national security adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski. He added that the growing East-West confrontation over Africa "is largely of his (Brzezinski's) doing."

The caucus also has asked the House Intelligence Committee to question CIA Director Stansfield Turner again Thursday about American plans for Africa.

"In the last several months we have met with various African leaders, and each one has taken the position that the Cuban and Soviet presence in Africa is an internal matter for the African nations to deal with," Mitchell said. "We believe that is the right position to take."

Rep. Charles C. Diggs Jr. (D-Mich.), another member of the caucus, said, "the role of Cubans and Soviets in Africa has been distorted and misinterpreted."

Mitchell said the Administration is showing "a growing cold war mentality on Africa." He said he had been assured by Cuban officials that no Cuban forces took part in the guerrilla action launched from Angola into Zaire's Shaba province last month.

In response to a question, Mitchell said he did not ask the Cubans whether they had trained or armed the invading force, as Carter has charged on the basis of American intelligence reports.

The caucus urged the Administration "to take steps toward the recognition of the People's Republic of Angola and to promote talks between the government of that nation and the government of Zaire toward achieving mutual respect for territorial integrity."